

## Correspondence and Postal Reports.

OUR BLACK HAWK COUNTY, IOWA  
LETTER NO 6

WATERLOO, IOWA, May 1st, 1894.

Everything has been moving along smoothly and evenly at Enon the past few weeks. The preaching services and Sunday school are both well attended by an attentive audience. The Sunday school is growing in interest with every session.

The members in Waterloo have held the last two services in Parson's Music Hall, a new hall on the east side of the river. They are talking of renting it for future use. It is a large commodious room and fitted for such purposes. The few meetings that have been held there have been better attended than previously, and proved more satisfactory.

The brethren at Hudson have succeeded in securing services every Sunday. We are glad to report this because the members anywhere will take more interest when they have services every Sunday. Brother E. L. Hildebrand reports the attendance good and the interest growing all the time. They are all doing their best to make each part of every service a success. Any church will grow when all the members are interested and doing their work well.

The brethren at Garrison, Iowa, sent for Brother E. L. Hildebrand to come down and baptize several who wished to unite with the church. One of the other churches of that place held quite a successful revival there this spring, taking in a large number of new members; but several not satisfied to unite with them and wishing to unite with us, Brother Hildebrand was sent for and went down the 18th of last month. He held two services while there. Nine united by baptism and one by relation. The members of that place feel quite rejoiced over the addition to their little band. If ever there was a faithful band of Christians the brethren and sisters at Garrison should be numbered among them. They have been practically without any preaching services at all: only once in a great while when they would send for some one to come specially for the purpose of baptizing some one wishing to unite with the church. They have been faithful in their work and done it well. They are trying now to secure services once a month at least.

Dear Brother and Sister Harrison:—The members in this vicinity all express their sincerest sympathy for you in this your hour of bereavement. The hand of God is sometimes laid very heavily on His children; we sometimes think the blow too crushing, but God in his wisdom knows best. Home may seem a desolate place to you without the bright and energetic little fellow to fill it with sunshine and gladness; and life may seem to hold nothing for which you care to live for. Although Homer can never come back to you, you can still live for him. You can so live

that when God permits you to leave this weary world, the boy whom you miss so much in this your earthly home will be waiting to welcome you into your eternal home, where you will never be separated from loved ones.

God sometimes takes our loved ones that we may truly have something to live for. One of the sweetest thoughts to me when thinking of the dead is, although they are dead they are not lost to us—only gone before  
LIZZIE HILDEBRAND.

## ST. JAMES AND VINCO ITEMS.

Since the last report from St. James two were added to the Brethren church at Hagerston; one from the G. B. and one by baptism who had formerly belonged the Reformed church. Thus ended our labors with the Brethren of Md., April 1st, 1894. I must say I had a very pleasant year with the Brethren there. God alone can repay you all for your kindness towards one of his weakest servants (for I can never do it) while among you. May your spiritual zeal increase, and may Zion's borders so increase that ere long old Maryland may have a score of pastors employed, and may the God of all peace sanctify and keep you pure and holy, is my prayer.

During the year I preached one hundred and seventy-five sermons, received into the church by baptism forty-six, by relation three, made two hundred and six pastoral calls, exclusive of visiting the sick and families not belonging to the Brethren church, held five communion services, the last one being at St. James; this was the largest ever held there, so it was said, one hundred and fifteen or one hundred and twenty members sat around the Lord's table and participated. Hope the next one may be still larger. Many thanks to the many Brethren, and particularly to some who tried to assist me to get over the Ohio this spring. I appreciated your every effort but as I could not carry out my intentions I have located at at Vinco, the old camping ground, and accepted what I was told was a unanimous call to serve the New Enterprise and Fredricksburg churches, and in fact I already feel at home with the dear brethren there. They are a whole souled, whole hearted, intelligent, kind and affable class of people. We think our reason for not locating there was good, viz., we could not get a house. The people seem to stay there. Very likely we will move there this fall, if anyone moves out or any new buildings are erected. I have about two and a half hours ride by rail to reach my pasture. Just before leaving Md. we brought about an organization of a Sister's Society of Christian Endeavor. The organization was complete and I would insist on the secretary, Sister Estella Cross, to report through the EVANGELIST. I am anxious to know how it moves.

Yours as ever,  
E. H. SMITH.

## NOTES FROM MILLEDGEVILLE.

The Kings Children, recently gave a very good entertainment, consisting of music, declamations, recitations, etc., to a large audience. They will give another entertainment on May 14th.

Interest in the church work seems good. And our Sunday school is growing nicely. Attendance some times reaches 130 or more, will average more than 100.

Our cheerful workers will give a white supper on May 5th.

The cheerful workers of this place will no longer be known by that very suggestive name, which has been more than earned by them if we estimate their work even at a very modest value. They have adopted the national name, S. S. C. E. We hope however, their work for the cause will not be less cheerful. In fact, to those who know them, there will be no fears along that line. But only a widening out of their usefulness; and a deepening of their interest in the great work of the Master. So at last we have the S. S. C. E. in our Milledgeville church. This is right. I hope every society and all societies in our beloved church will fall into line and direct their work more in unison and then we can do more work and better work for the Master.

J. O. TALLEY.

## "BE YE DOERS."

LYNN, IND.

Preachers who report and are reported need not read this, for we know that they are "doers," and we know, too, that there are many others who are faithful "doers of the word," who through modesty on their art and neglect or carelessness on the part of the churches are seldom heard of through the paper. Don't you know, brethren and sisters, that if your ministers and churches are regularly reported, it gives enthusiasm and energy to others and arouses a greater interest in the church work and church paper amongst the members of your own church?

When the EVANGELIST comes to me I always glance over it hurriedly to see if there are any contributors whose names are familiar to me, or any churches or ministers reported, with whom I am acquainted, for such are usually more interesting to me than those written by entire strangers, or persons or churches that I know little about.

Quite awhile ago the editor asked each pastor to appoint some member of each of his congregations to send a short monthly report for publication, which would be no hard task for most any member, but I notice that there are very many who have failed to report. I hardly know whether to censure the pastors or the persons appointed, but I am sure of some instances in which it was the neglect of the pastors.

Now since criticising those who

have not been "doers" it may be well to remember with words of commendation those who have been "doers" as reported through the paper, in ways aside from the above mentioned, such as obtaining subscribers for the EVANGELIST, distributing tracts for mission work, sending the paper to worthy poor, contributing to Brother Holsinger's account, donations to the editor, work for the College, etc.

LAURA TEETER.

## COLLEGE AND MISSION WORK.

NORTH LIBERTY, O. Apr., 23, 1894.

DEAR EVANGELIST:—I wish to speak a word to our Dear Brotherhood and Sisterhood concerning Ashland University.

1 There is no finer location for a school. It is a healthy and moral city well protected by police against rowdies, water is good, and the city is easy to reach by rail. And now a good church with 50 or 60 resident members, a first class Sabbath school in College chapel and preaching each Sabbath. The College building is first class in every respect. There is not a crack or flaw or any place where they show the least sign of giving way. They are well furnished and very convenient. The Boarding House is as firm in structure as the College building, and convenient in every particular. Students can board themselves or get board as they choose. The grounds are large and nice. It is a fact that if the Brethren had let this property go they would not soon get such an opportunity to possess college property. It is but a small matter to pay the debt now, and it has been all subscribed. Paid according to promise the Brethren will have school property worth at the very lowest estimated three times the indebtedness. Brethren and Sisters, we can not afford to let it drag with our immense increase of membership. God bless the College work and the school this Fall, and Bro Garst and all that help to make it a success.

I wish to say Amen to Bro. Cassel's "Consecration". No one can pledge a church at conference for money. There is where much of our disappointment has come from, and in regard to concentrating our efforts and forces, this is an important point. It is a bad feature to work one field a little while and then work another a little which does but little good. To illustrate, Mansfield has been worked to some extent a few years and then dropped and a majority of the labor is lost, but now I have been this spring trying to work up an interest there again, and find one of the best fields for work I have ever been in, and with the assistance of the Brethren I feel sure we will have a membership of one hundred substantial members by the close of this year. Brethren and sisters, will you assist us? and the Mission Board will you please aid in this noble work? I can buy either of two churches very cheap they are old but good substantial buildings.

Yours in Christ,  
JESSE CALVERT.